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ARKANSAS
Baptist

OCTOBER 8, 1959

Annual Convention in Little Rock Nov. 17-19

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Convention will be held in Little Rock, Nov. 17-19. There will be many things coming before our convention of great interest and concern to our Baptist people. One of the prime considerations is that of our proposed budget for 1960. The Executive Board is recommending a budget of \$1,725,000. Included in this is the suggested amount of \$75,000 for the Thanksgiving Offering for the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. The proposed budget represents our program of mission work and deserves the prayerful consideration of every member of our churches.



DR. WHITLOW

The 1958 convention referred a request of the Baptist Memorial Hospital of Memphis, Tenn., to the Executive Board. It was as follows:

"(1) That the members of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital not be included in the ruling which would prevent their serving on this Board and one other Convention Board.

"(2) That owing to the need of expanding our educational program and the necessity of providing more patient rooms with adjunct facilities, that an appropriation of an additional \$15,000 be made for three years, beginning with 1960."

The Executive Board is recommending the first request be granted, and it is also recommending an additional \$15,000 be included in the proposed budget for 1960 for the hospital.

The Executive Board is also making the following recommendations with reference to finances and financial policy of the Convention:

"(1) That a debt ratio of 2½ (in assets) to 1 (in debts) not be exceeded by any institution or agency of the Convention."

"(2) That all requests for capital indebtedness by any convention institution or agency must be submitted to the Executive Board at least 90 days

in advance of the July meeting of the Executive Board."

"(3) That the Executive Board ask the Convention for approval to borrow funds in the amount of \$200,000 for the following:

. . . To purchase a camp site near the center of the state . . . \$25,000.

. . . To improve the facilities of the camp and Siloam Assembly . . . \$100,000.

. . . To purchase a Baptist Building site in Little Rock . . . \$75,000."

The proposed camp site will be primarily for the development of a camp for our R.A.'s and G.A.'s even though the other departments of our work will have access to the facility for the ministry of their departments.

It is proposed to provide more and better facilities at the assembly at Siloam Springs.

There is a need for more space in the Baptist Building and it would better serve our Convention if these facilities were provided out of the downtown area of our capitol city.

The Executive Board is further recommending "that the 'Thanksgiving Offering' special for the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage be eliminated as a fund-raising plan as of 1961 and that allocations in the budget be increased to replace same."

We need to keep this in mind. Unless our churches make a worthy offering at Thanksgiving this year and in 1960 it may be very difficult to accomplish this. The goal for Thanksgiving 1959 is \$100,000 and the proposed goal for 1960 is \$75,000.

"(4) That the Arkansas Baptist Foundation be placed under the direction of the Executive Board."—S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary. ■

Church Finance System Set Up

THE STEWARDSHIP services of the Southern Baptist Convention has prepared a complete church Finance record system. The work was done by Dr. Merrill Moore, stewardship director, and Dr. J. M. Crow, administrative assistant of the Sunday School Board. The people have felt for a long time the need for such work.

The plan takes into account basic accounting methods, yet it is simple enough for any church to use. Not many churches have professional employed help to keep the financial records. With this in mind, the authors have been careful to suggest procedures and plans that can be easily understood and used by the ordinary church member. The dedicated people who give their time and effort to the keeping of accurate financial records need all the help they can get. For a long time many of them have felt the need for some simple, fool-proof system, but for some reason, our denomination has been slow in offering help.

The Broadman Church Finance Record System is sound in every detail. It will protect the funds and also protect those who handle the funds. It will also head off any criticism that might arise over the way the money is handled and spent. It also provides a plan that will help the church to know that the money is being spent in accord with the instructions. All of

the above features will help to establish and maintain the confidence of the church membership. This encourages the financial secretary and also encourages systematic, liberal giving by the contributors.

This church finance record system assumes that each member of the church and Sunday School will be given a package of offering envelopes. Each person is encouraged to use his own envelopes. Then, when the individual puts the envelope into the offering plate, proper procedures are taken to assure proper protection. All of these procedures are explained in the **Church Finance Record System Manual**, which can be ordered from the Broadman Press, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tenn.

This system can be effectively used by any size church. It is simple, accurate, with sufficient internal control to assure that funds will be used in accord with the wishes of the church.

The plan is almost a must for those churches that use the Forward Program of Church Finance, because the system is based on the budget plan of Church Finance.

For complete details and information, let me suggest that you write to Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tenn.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary. ■

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Rucker Named to New Convention Post

DR. THURMAN K. RUCKER has resigned as pastor of 1st Church, Forrest City, to accept a position as director of retirement plans for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, effective Oct. 15.

In his new position, created recently by action of the executive board of the Baptist state convention, he will promote participation by churches of the convention in the retirement programs of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, said of Dr. Rucker's appointment:

"Dr. Rucker comes to this place of service with a rich experience as a pastor and with a thorough knowledge of our denominational work. His widespread acceptance on the part of pastors and Arkansas Baptists is attested by the fact that he has served as president of the executive board and now is completing his second term as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

"As director of the retirement plans of our denomination in Arkansas, Dr. Rucker will have the opportunity of an unlimited service to our pastors and churches. Out of 1,151 of our churches in Arkansas, only 395 were participating in our retirement plans as of Sept. 1. Our goal is for a 75% enlistment by Jan. 1, 1961. Dr. Rucker is eminently qualified to lead in this worthy endeavor."

Dr. Rucker, a native of Dublin, Tex., received the B.A. degree from Baylor University, the Th.M. degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and the honorary D.D. degree from Ouachita College. He has been pastor of the Forrest City church for more than eight years. Previous pastorates include: Emmanuel Baptist Church, Longview, Tex.; 1st Church, Searcy; and 1st Church, Malvern.

In his present pastorate he led in the erection of a \$400,000 auditorium and in the establishment of five mission Sunday schools four of which are now churches. He saw the membership increase to 1,350



DR. RUCKER

and the annual church budget mount to \$82,000.

Dr. Rucker has served in many different denominational offices, including trusteeships on the boards of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital; vice president of the state convention; vice chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; and as moderator of local Baptist associations. He is a Rotarian and a Mason and is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Mrs. Rucker is the former Miss Wilibel Hester, of Warren. They have two children, Douglas Robert, a freshman at Baylor University, and Rebecca, aged 7.

Dr. Rucker will have offices in the Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Midwestern's Friends Help Acquire Property

NASHVILLE —(BP)— A plan has been approved here for Midwestern Seminary to repay its friends in Kansas City, Mo., for more than 30 acres they bought and are holding for the seminary.

The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee said that the newest of the Convention's six seminaries may buy "additional tracts which trustees deem advisable." Total purchase price is \$366,256.

"The seminary will be able to make the down payments and annual payments as they come due from proposed capital allocations, without legal responsibility for the seminary," it was reported.

Baptist leaders said friends of the seminary bought the property adjacent to the 99-acre site of the seminary in Kansas City North. The 30-plus acres were for sale and the friends did not want the seminary to miss the opportunity of acquiring them. ■

Salary Raises Feature 1960 Arizona Budget

PHOENIX, Ariz. —(BP)— The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona adopted a 1960 budget of \$287,460 to be presented to the annual convention session here in November for approval.

The board also approved transfer of language missionaries from the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, to the Baptist General Convention of Arizona for administrative purposes; adopted a new associational mission plan for Arizona; raised salaries of all staff, missionary, and secretarial personnel, and elected three new missionaries.

The budget, with the exception of salary hikes, is essentially the same as the 1959 budget. These are the first substantial salary raises offered in several years.



Cover Story

30,000 PLANS FOR 1962 — Taking part in a planning conference for the 1962 emphasis in Southern Baptists' 30,000 Movement are from left, C. C. Warren, former Convention president, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Mildred Dunn, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, and Arthur B. Rutledge, director of missions division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Warren is director of the 30,000 Movement, aimed at establishing 30,000 new churches or missions in the years just ahead. Rutledge is chairman of the 1962 annual emphasis. Mrs. Dunn, a Baptist editor, holds microphone to transcribe conversation for publication.—(BP Photo.)

Old Seminary Sold To Berkeley Church

BERKELEY, Calif. —(BP)— Calvary Church here will proceed with arrangements to buy property next to it formerly occupied by Golden Gate Seminary.

The seminary recently moved across the bay to Mill Valley, Calif., where it is taking possession of a new campus on Strawberry Point.

Action was taken by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn., to allow the seminary to sell the vacated property.

Attendance Report

(September 27, 1959)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Camden, Cullendale, 1st	495	238	
El Dorado, Immanuel Mission	815	378	17
	21		
Fort Smith, Calvary	365	137	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	478	163	2
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	390	144	2
Little Rock, Tyler St.	234	97	
Magnolia, Central	817	350	6
McGehee, 1st	490	239	2
Mission	46	31	2
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	912	313	4
Calvary	442	140	
Springdale, 1st	569	183	5
West Memphis, Calvary	249	144	1

Godlessness and The Public Schools

IN TIMES OF great and growing immorality, as today in America, there is a searching for causes, and the people arrive at many and varied conclusions. Because the great bulk of our children and young people are brought together in our public schools, it is only natural that the public school system itself come in for a lion's share of the unfavorable criticism. Parents who have failed themselves to bring up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord are frequently found among those who would make of the public school a scapegoat.

We are indebted to an official statement of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, a statement based on a special study made by the church on the relationship of the church to the public schools, for the following findings.

"Some feel that because a school does not teach a particular belief, proclaim a specific theological tenet, nor yet engage in a certain religious exercise, such omission is evidence of its godless nature. We believe it must be remembered that the inclusion of an overt observance of religion does not necessarily provide any institution with a dynamic religious character. The real motivation of religion, in addition to its divine origin, receives its strength from persons who live as those 'committed.' It is important, therefore, that the real implications be assessed. Who are the pupils and who are the teachers in the public schools? Are they godless? How do they live with each other? Perhaps answers to these questions, coupled with a knowledge of what actually takes place in the classroom, might go far to alleviate fears."

The Presbyterians, "without attempting to stifle legitimate evaluation of the service of the schools," object to criticism of the public schools stemming from any of the following causes:

"1. Forgetfulness that a vast number of public-school administrators and classroom teachers are devoted to the church and loyal to the place of religious conviction in the lives of children and their parents.

"2. Paucity of knowledge that much material of a religious nature is at present receiving respectful treatment in many schools.

"3. Occasional narrow sectarianism which would seek to use a 'captivè audience' for its own ends.

"4. Defensiveness of parochial education and its growth.

"5. Unwillingness to share with public-school people the heavy responsibilities of providing financial assistance and counsel to assure sound policy.

"6. Indifference to the discovery of improved ways and means of correlating the guidance services of the community, including those of the schools and the churches."

Since we have so much evidence of godlessness in our homes, our churches, and our communities as wholes, need we be surprised to find evidences of the same in the public school? Can we expect boys and girls who may be imps of Satan elsewhere to be transformed into little saints by the mere act of bringing them together in schoolrooms? Can we expect teachers to accomplish in the classroom what parents and Sunday School teachers and others have failed to accomplish across many years?

Of course, this frequently happens. Often a godly, compassionate schoolteacher is the one who is able to break through to the child and help him to find his true self, when everybody else has failed. But should we be too critical if Junior and Mary continue to be the rebels they are elsewhere?

Although many will differ with us, it is our conviction that the public school, by its very nature, is not a religious institution and cannot teach religion. If so, what religion would it teach? This is not to say that the public school can make no contribution in character building and the teaching of great lessons of morality and integrity. But the conversion experience so vital to making the most of the public school experience lies outside the school. The public school's business is not evangelism.

The public school is and ought to be a great ally of the church and the home, but it cannot be fitted into either of these categories. Let us do what we can as Christians and good citizens to strengthen the public school, through the home and the church, against the invasion of godlessness.

Personally Speaking . . .

Strings Attached

THREE THINGS Calvary Baptist Church in down-town Washington, D. C., must have in perpetuity — an organ, a bell, and a clock.



This was part of the bargain, many years ago, when Amos Kendall, a non-Christian, gave \$90,000 for the construction of the church auditorium at the corner of 8th and H streets.

Mr. Kendall was a highly gifted person. The late President Woodrow Wilson said of him that those who would know the administration of President Andrew Jackson must know Kendall, who wrote Mr. Jackson's official papers.

Pastor Cranford, in a devotional welcome recently to Baptists attending the Third Annual Conference on Religious Liberty, sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and held at Calvary Church, said of the organ, the bell and the clock:

"The organ reminds us that we need harmony in the world and in our hearts.

"The bell reminds us that we need to call the world back to God, if the world is to have harmony.

"The clock reminds us that we do not have forever to get on with our job."

But there was one string attached to the Kendall donation that was to backfire on the donor himself. That was a provision that the membership of the church should include as associate members any non-Christians who, as Mr. Kendall, gave to its support.

Many years later, a bereaved mother, a member of Calvary Church, called on Mr. Kendall and pointing an accusing finger at him, declared: "Our son has died without accepting Christ, and it is your fault. You are to blame for his being lost!"

Mr. Kendall was dumbfounded. "What do you mean? How can you say such a thing?" he asked.

The mother then related how that when she and her husband had tried to win their son to Christ he had declined to accept. "Mr. Kendall is a good man and he has never accepted Christ," he had said.

This crushed the now aging Mr. Kendall. Falling to his knees he repented of his sins and accepted Christ. On the first opportunity he presented himself for baptism.

He now became a great soulwinner. The first day he gave his personal testimony, twenty men stepped out to accept Christ as Savior. But it was too late for the lad who had made Mr. Kendall his model.—ELM

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

"Hey, You're Wearing a Strait Jacket!"

Welcomed News

THE RECENT announcement that our Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has worked out some plan whereby Brooks Hays is to represent our Southern Baptist constituency as a non-governmental observer at the United Nations should be welcomed news by all of us. It is a step, but only a step, in the right direction.

The Constitution of the United Nations provides for non-governmental observers from religious bodies and many other organized constituencies. These observers may represent national groups or fractional groups within any country. But such representation is not the real intent of the charter's provision.

Those observers who do not represent an international constituency are not usually given much consideration in the counsel caucuses of the United Nations delegates. On the other hand, the observers who represent international constituencies are often sought after for their counsel on many matters.

Therefore, it is earnestly to be hoped that the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance may find some way to support its own observer to the United Nations.

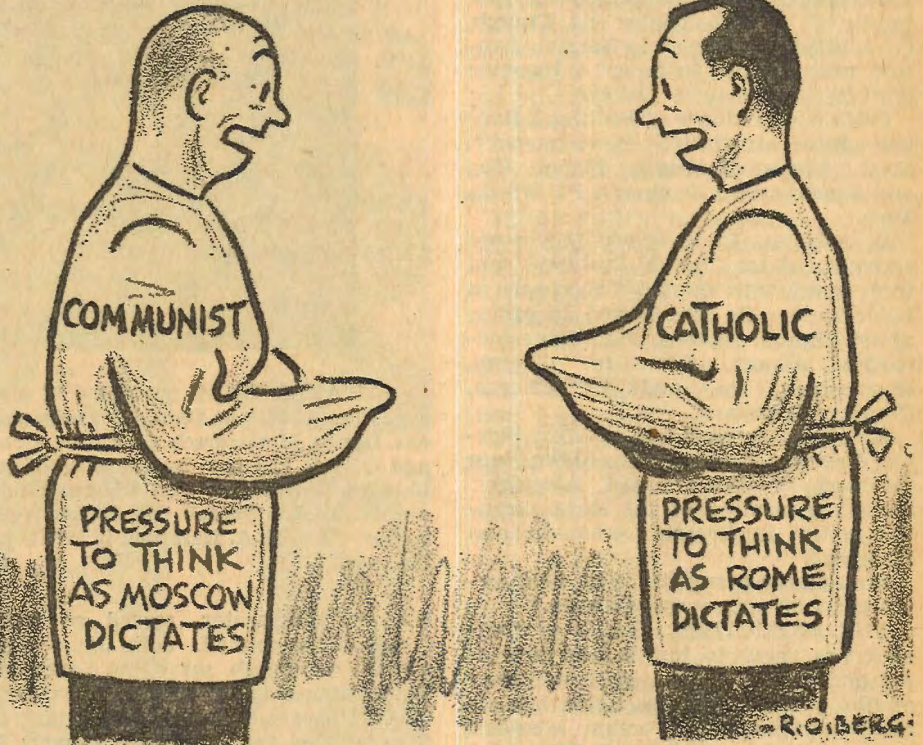
There are great and highly significant possibilities for a world Baptist observer at the United Nations. Baptists everywhere know their common position on the dignity of human personality, created in the spiritual and moral image of God, and the consequent principle of human freedom. But the world at large is not acquainted with our position on these fundamental matters.—Julius H. Avery, Pastor, 1st Church, Panama City, Fla.

Church Gamblers

GLENN L. ARCHER, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, 1633 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C., sends a copy of a clipping from **Detroit Free Press** of Sept. 14, relating the arrest of 12 persons for gambling on the grounds of St. Gertrude's Catholic Church.

The account reports that officers confiscated a roulette wheel, three sheets of numbered canvas, two felt-topped tables and two plywood tables. They reported they had seen people tossing nickels at dishes for rides on a helicopter, playing roulette with "play" money and shooting dice and playing blackjack.

The assistant pastor of St. Gertrude's was quoted as saying that all players were members of the parish and were



contributing toward a fund to build a grade school.

Writes Dr. Archer:

"I don't know how this story strikes you, but it strikes me as a corruption of Christianity. POAU has dedicated itself to the proposition that our public taxes shall not be used to subsidize this kind of religion. To be consistent, we must oppose the subsidization of all religions, even though we cherish real religion.

"The national drift to compromise with clericalism presents a formidable threat to our religion and to our democracy."

Commends Mrs. Marks

IT IS MY understanding that in your WMU state meetings, which are to take place soon, that Mrs. Ira Marks, wife of the area missionary in Salt Lake City, is to be one of the speakers. She will give you a very revealing story of Mormonism and its influence. It occurred to me that perhaps if you could somehow emphasize this fact through the columns of your paper it might encourage many to go to the meetings that would not ordinarily go and get the story as they need to get it.—Editor J. Kelly Simmons, of **Baptist Beacon**, Phoenix, Ariz.

[Mrs. Marks will be a featured speaker at the WMU district meetings the last of October and first of November.—ELM]

DALE McCOY has resigned as pastor of 1st Church, Brinkley. The deacons have formed a committee to seek a new pastor. (DP)

Why I Am a Baptist

Baptist and Reflector, Tennessee

I LOVE the beautiful symbolism of the ordinances of the Baptist churches. I love a baptism that does not have to be argued, defended or explained, but is in itself such a loving picture of burial and resurrection that even the blind eye must close itself if it would not see.

And I love the creed that is written nowhere save in the New Testament, which allows growth and changes which must come with increase of life and stature without periodical revision.

Then, I love the simplicity of the Baptist organization. If there wasn't a Baptist church in the world there would nevertheless be millions of Baptists in every generation. I love the democratic churches.

And I love the Baptist recognition of the right of private judgment, the liberty of personal opinion. I love the free responsibility of the human soul standing on a level platform face to face with God, with no shadow of pope, bishop, or priest, or man-made creed falling between himself and his Master. That's why I am a Baptist!—Robert J. Burdett.

Arkansas All Over

By Jay W. C. Moore

Concord Notes

RALPH D. DODD, who has been serving as a full time evangelist for the past eight years, has accepted the pastorate of the 763-member 1st Church, Greenwood. He succeeds Herman Sanford who resigned to accept a teaching position in Ouachita College.

Dodd is a graduate of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, Hendersonville, N. C.; Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

In Arkansas Dodd served four years as pastor of 1st Church, Stuttgart, and three years with Baptist Tabernacle in Little Rock. He also served as pastor of 1st Church, Havana, Fla.; Byne Memorial, Albany, Ga.; 1st Church, Waynesboro, Ga., and 1st Church, Crowley, Louisiana.

He served as president of West Florida Training Union Convention; vice president, Florida Baptist Assembly; and as a member of the state executive boards in Georgia, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

The pastor-evangelist has held revivals in 22 states and Canada.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of Concord has voted to buy a film projector and screen and to build a library of film strips. The association has already purchased 18 Foreign Missions, 11 Home Missions, 12 SS, 8 TU, and 2 soul winning sets of strips. Paul Graham, pastor of Spradling Avenue Church, is the chairman of the Visual Aids Committee.

THE RATCLIFF CHURCH is without a pastor. Bobbie Joe Martin, who has served the church for nearly two years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of 1st Church in Huntington, Buckner Association. Martin led the Ratcliff church to construct an educational building and to retire nearly two junior and one intermediate. The Sunday School increased in attendance and the offerings doubled.

SPRADLING CHURCH, Paul Graham, pastor, has under construction another unit of their church plant. This is an educational wing that will house five departments, two primary, two junior and one intermediate. The structure will care for six junior class rooms and six intermediate rooms. The structure is 138 x 32 feet and is of block-and-brick construction.

CHARLESTON 1st Church, Eugene Ryan, pastor, during the past year has installed central heating and air conditioning in the entire church plant at a cost of \$8,000 and just recently nearly \$5,000 were spent to construct a new ceiling with modern light fixtures. The floors and furniture were refinished. New floors and walks were poured throughout the basement and new stairways constructed with wrought iron banisters. The auditorium and classrooms were painted.

FOUR DEACONS have been ordained in the Kelley Heights Church. Murl



AWARDS WERE presented at a recent recognition service in Wynne Chapel, a mission of Wynne Church. Those participating in the coronation included: maidens, Donna McCormack, Gail Ellis, Connie Jacobs, Jannis Richardson, Peggy Greene and Glenda Lawson; ladies in waiting, Janice James and Bonnie Miller; princess, Carolyn Christopher and Sharon Faulkner; queens, Dolores Moore, Jessica James and Walta Kay Seaton. Bob Baker is pastor of the church and Gerald Perry, mission pastor. Mrs. N. A. Halbrook is WMU president and Mrs. Charles Manchester is GA director.

Walker, the pastor, served as moderator of the council. John Jones, deacon in the church, served as clerk; Jay W. C. Moore led in the interrogation; C. C. Roberts, formerly missionary in Concord, led the ordination prayer; L. C. Gibson, of the church, presented the candidates, Dorvan Ashlock, Sherman Essman, Lollis Gibson, and Floyd McKinney. Paul Hunt, superintendent of missions in Grayson County, Tex., preached the sermon. ■

SOUTHERN BAPTIST COLLEGE is having the semester's first lyceum number, Oct. 9 at 8 P.M. in the chapel. This concert is to be given by Eugene Jemison, an outstanding versatile artist who is a painter, folksinger and printmaker. His program will consist mainly of ballads and folk songs.

HOGAN DODD, pastor of 47th Street Church, North Little Rock, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Highland Park Church, Kilgore, Tex.

REV. AND Mrs. Russell L. Locke, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have moved from Port Harcourt to Owerri. Their address is Baptist Mission, Owerri, Nigeria, West Africa. Mrs. Locke is the former Veda Williams, a native of Shirley, Ark.

PEYTON ROBB, a layman of 1st Church, Walnut Ridge, is serving as teacher of biology at Southern College this year on a part time basis. For several years he was in charge of the adult education training in Walnut Ridge High School. He holds a masters degree and is doing work on his doctorate.

Dr. Coggin Going To Travis Avenue

DR. JAMES E. COGGIN, 1st Church, Texarkana, has resigned to accept the call of Travis Avenue Church, Ft. Worth, effective Oct. 11.

Dr. Coggin, who came to Texarkana in October, 1954, holds the master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

At Travis Avenue, one of the top 12 churches in the Convention, he succeeds Dr. Rober Naylor, who became president of Southwestern. (DP)

RIDGEVIEW CHURCH, east of Fayetteville, has called Jackie Pennell, third year student at Southwestern Seminary, as pastor. He files from school to Fayetteville each Friday and returns late on Monday. The attendance at Sunday School has doubled since he began his service there. (DP)

WORKERS CITATIONS have been received by three members of 1st Church, Springdale, Pastor Burton A. Miley, Mrs. T. B. Moody and Mrs. John W. Adams. (CB)

SOUTHERN COLLEGE's Church Efficiency Conference has been set for Dec. 14-16. There are no fees nor expenses other than meals, which are obtainable at the regular student rate.

CONFUCIUS SAY: College students like lamp; not very bright and often go out at night.

ROBERT LEE MILIS will be inaugurated as president of Georgetown College at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 16. He is the institution's 20th president.

13 Members Added To Ouachita Staff

THIRTEEN NEW faculty and staff members have been added at Ouachita College for the fall semester, according to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president.

They include Dr. Robert N. Burrows, Dr. John Lee Eighmy, Herman Sandford, Claude Sumerlin, Miss Emma Lauberte, Don Evans, Edwin S. Kajihiro, Jesse L. Nutt, Michael Carozza, Mrs. Charles Conner, Miss Linda Day, Mrs. Nannie Mae Moore and Mrs. Ruby H. Venable.

Dr. Burrows, who will be professor and head of the English department, holds a Ph. D. from the University of Pennsylvania and studied for three years at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr. Eighmy pastored churches in Missouri while working on his Ph. D. at the University of Missouri. He received his doctorate in history last June, and will be associate professor of history at Ouachita.

Mr. Sandford, associate professor of English, has completed his residence course toward a Ph. D. at the University of Arkansas after receiving a B.A. in 1947 and an M.A. in 1949 from Baylor University.

Mr. Sumerlin, associate professor of journalism and director of the News Bureau, received a B.A. from Texas A. & I. in 1947 and an M.A. from Baylor in 1949. He has worked on newspapers in San Antonio and Tyler.

Miss Lauberte, associate professor of foreign languages and head of the German Department, has been working on her doctor's degree in Germanic languages at Columbia University. She fled to Sweden from her native Latvia ahead of the Russians in 1944.

Mr. Evans, assistant professor of history, received his B.A. in June, 1953, from Ouachita and his M.A. in August, 1959, from Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Kajihiro, associate professor of biology, is a native of Honolulu, Hawaii, and has been working on his doctor's degree at the University of Texas.

Mr. Carozza, director of public relations, was an August, 1959, graduate of Ouachita and was formerly assistant superintendent of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage in Monticello. He was chosen Rural Minister of the Year for Arkansas in 1953 and 1954.

Mr. Nutt, assistant professor of history, holds degrees from Ouachita, Louisiana State University, Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, and is working on his Ph. D. at George Peabody College.

Mrs. Conner, who is returning as dietitian after a lapse of two years, received her B.S. from Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Miss Day, Baptist Student Union secretary and director of student activities, is a June, 1959, graduate of OBC.

Mrs. Moore will be a house mother in Terral-Moore Hall, while Mrs. Venable will be a house mother in O. C. Bailey Hall.



EIGHMY



BURROWS



SANFORD



LAUBERTE



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CONNER



DAY



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MOORE

(Pictures of Sumerlin and Carozza appeared two weeks ago.)

Revival Reports

BETHANY, Pulaski Association: Pastor A. T. Suskey, evangelist; Jack Yarbrough, Jacksonville, music; 10 by baptism, 8 by letter and 49 rededications.

OAK GROVE, Harmony Association: Ralph Dodd, evangelist; W. J. Adkins, pastor; nine by baptism. (CB)

GRADY: Jim Ryan, evangelist; Nolan Finch, pastor; one by baptism, one by letter.

GOULD: Chester Parker, evangelist; Tony Adams, music; Don Wright, pastor; two by letter, three by baptism.

FIRST CHURCH, England: J. Russell Duffer, Ardmore Church, Memphis, evangelist; James B. Johnson, Blytheville, music; Harold White, pastor; four by baptism, seven by letter.

ANDERSON CHAPEL, Harmony Association: Jesse Reed, evangelist; Leonard McDoughle, pastor; 18 by baptism, 4 by letter.

LINWOOD: Rawls Peiree, evangelist; Harold Carter, pastor; one by baptism.

HARDIN, Harmony Association: Alvis Moore, evangelist; W. D. Ellis, music; M. G. Hampton, evangelist; eight by baptism.

STAR CITY: J. T. Harvill, evangelist; P. E. Titsworth, pastor; four by baptism, one by letter.

SOUTH SIDE, Pine Bluff: Emmett "Buddy" Johnson, evangelist; Roy Lambert, pastor; six by baptism, five by letter.

EMMANUEL, HOT SPRINGS: R. R. Shreve, pastor; Paul E. Wilhelm, Lamar, evangelist; four by baptism; four by letter, fifteen dedications.

MRS. J. SAMUEL Phillips, wife of the former pastor of 1st Church, Cabot, has been appointed as a writer for *The Beginner Teacher* for 1960. During the first week of September, Mrs. Phillips was a guest of the Sunday School Board in Nashville and attended a week of writers' conference. While in Arkansas, Mrs. Phillips led the department at Cabot to be standard. She was Associational Superintendent of Beginner work for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Hays, Hammarskjold Have UN Conference

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, returned here after spending two days at United Nations in New York City as the Convention's observer.

It was the first visit to United Nations of an observer from Southern Baptists. Hays was elected at the annual meeting of the Convention's Christian Life Commission last summer.

During his two-day visit, Hays conferred with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold and with the United Nations. He told them of Southern Baptists' desire to have contact with the UN. Hays was once in the United States government delegation to UN.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

God and Mr. K

A FAMILIAR story tells of the man who arose in a public meeting to declare, "I'm an atheist — and I thank God for it!"

This tale has been called to mind more than once by statements made by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev in his travels throughout the United States.

At an official luncheon honoring him, the Red spokesman stated: "God knows what the difference is between the capitalism described by Marx and the capitalism that Mr. Lodge (Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. delegate to the United Nations) described. It seems to me to be one and the same thing."

Later, in the course of the same remarks, Mr. K continued: "If you like capitalism, and I'm sure you do, God's with you. Continue in your efforts."

This is the same Mr. Khrushchev who has loudly proclaimed his belief that "there is no God." (EP)

Alcoholism: 'Religious Disorder'

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (EP) — An alcoholic may not know it, but "his alcoholism is essentially a social maladjustment and a religious disorder."

So asserted the Rev. Robert Regan, Jr., of Washington, D. C., director of organizational activities for the Methodist Board of Temperance at a conference here.

Mr. Regan's thesis: "The alcoholic attempts to find fulfillment in a bottle rather than in God and other persons. He lives to drink and drinks to live."

African's Plan Crusade

DELEGATES FROM 43 Baptist associations in Nigeria and Ghana, representing 1,035 churches and preaching stations in this area are planning a two-month evangelistic campaign. In keeping with Nigeria's interest in self-government (the country will secure its independence from Britain on October 1, 1960), the theme of the evangelistic crusade is "True Freedom in Christ." No date was announced for the meetings, although Missionary John E. Mills, secretary of evangelism for the Nigerian Baptist Convention, reported that Sunday, Sept. 20, was observed in the cooperating churches as a day of prayer for the success of the meetings. (EP)

Bowery Mission Names New Head

NEW YORK, N. Y. —(EP)— Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Chairman and Editor of *Christian Herald* magazine, has announced the appointment of Raymond J. Allen as superintendent of *Christian Herald's* Bowery Mission and Young Men's Home, succeeding the Rev. George L. Bolton, who died July 29 of a heart attack. Operated since 1895 by *Christian Herald*, the Mission ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of the homeless and destitute men who gravitate to Manhattan's "Skid Row."

Baptist Crosscurrents

The Baptist World Alliance

The tenth congress of the Baptist World Alliance is to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3, next year.

Organized in 1905, the Baptists World Alliance promotes fellowship and understanding among Baptists of many nations. In recent meetings Baptists from more than 60 nations have attended. Next year it is expected that Baptists will be present from 80 countries. "The Roll Call of the Nations," a special feature which gives those present an opportunity to hear from some spokesman from each country represented, brings information about progress, problems, heartaches and plans of Baptists in many lands.

Each meeting of the Baptist World Alliance is naturally influenced greatly by the area in which it meets. In Copenhagen the Scandinavian Baptists were prominent. In London much of the English was spoken with a British accent, and tunes to hymns Americans believed were the "old tunes" were referred to as the "new tunes." It should be assumed that in Rio the Latin American influence will be strong and interesting.

The 1960 congress will be the first meeting of the Baptist World Alliance to be held south of equator. It will also be the first meeting in an area we commonly consider definitely as foreign mission territory, although Baptist work is not strong in some areas where the congress has been held in the past. Cities where meetings have been held, outside of the United States, are London, Stockholm, Toronto, Berlin and Copenhagen.

The Rio meeting will be in an area where Southern Baptists who attend will find it convenient to visit their own mission fields. Brazil has 1,470 Baptist churches, according to the last report from our Foreign Mission Board. Of that number, 1,170 are self-supporting. Total membership is above 155,000. Argentina has 170 churches. To have an opportunity to visit some of these churches, as well as schools and other projects carried on by Southern Baptists will be helpful indeed. To visit with missionaries on their own fields will help our people understand more of the needs and opportunities. It will be a joy, too, to meet many who have been won to Christ by those we have helped to support. The Rio trip will be the trip of a lifetime for many who go.

Some from New Mexico will plan to attend the Rio meeting. It is the type of meeting that will provide much enjoyment and inspiration for every Baptist. Several of our pastors should attend, and some of their members should go along to help them profit from the meeting. A large number of parties, or tours are being arranged. There are also other ways of getting there. It is not too early to make plans. A little later may be too late.

The opportunity to visit Southern Baptist foreign mission fields is one strong point which should encourage a large number of our people to make the trip. Those who go should be well equipped with cameras, films and notebooks.

We predict that in a short time following the Rio meeting, interest in foreign missions, and especially Latin American missions, will reach an all-time high. The more our people know about a need, the more they will do about meeting that need. Those who go to Rio will return with a wealth of information about mission fields and needs, and they will share that information with others.—Editor Horace F. Burns, in *Baptist New Mexican*

Living by the Faith of Others

The faith we live by is not always ours alone; it may be in part the faith of our friends.

Sooner or later everyone experiences some crisis or tragedy. Under the onslaught, our faith sometimes may waver. In an experience of this kind thank God for the faith of friends. How many victories are made possible by this faith.

This is one of the blessings of Christian fellowship. There may be some who persistently push their way on through alone, but the majority of us need the reinforcement of sympathetic friends, the faith of others which will strengthen our faith. Except for such reinforcements, our own faith might falter and even fail.

We have just returned from the funeral of a very dear friend. Above the sorrow of it all there lingers the memory of the friends who came and stood by the bereaved family so faithfully. How much strength does one draw from such spiritual support.

If at times we live by the faith of our friends, it is also true that they may live by our faith. Paul must have had this in mind when he reminded the Ephesians that "We are members one with another" (Eph. 4:25). Phillip Brooks was echoing the thought when he said, "There is only one word that expresses the cord that binds the human race. That word is sympathy." If we have received freely, let us also freely give.—Editor H. H. McGinty, *The Word and Way*



(Photo by Studio Paramount, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika)

Left to right: Missionary Doctors Lorne E. Brown, Jack E. Walker, and Hal B. Boone put the finishing touches on the new tuberculosis hospital at Mbeya, Tanganyika, just before the opening ceremony. ■

New Baptist Hospital Pushed in Nigeria

THE FIRST Baptist hospital to be built among Northern Nigeria's 18,000,000 Moslems and pagans is nearing completion at Kontagora in Niger Province. Located on the new Lagos-to-Kano road, at a point where three other roads converge, the 32-bed institution will be available to a large area.

The emir of Kontagora, called the "King of the Sudan," and his council have given full co-operation to Baptists in the securing of land and the erection of the hospital. The emir's 115,000 subjects who live in Kontagora village and the surrounding country will have access to the hospital. ■

Utah, Idaho Turn Down Separate Convention

SALT LAKE CITY—(BP)—Southern Baptists in Utah, Idaho, and Nevada met here and voted against forming an independent state convention at this time.

Instead, they will continue their affiliations with already existing state conventions. Churches in Utah, Idaho, and southern Nevada are co-operating with the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. Those in northern Nevada co-operate with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Tuberculosis Hospital Opened in Tanganyika

BAPTISTS OPENED a 104-bed tuberculosis hospital at Mbeya, Tanganyika, in mid-August with a service attended by between 500 and 600 people, among them two Woman's Missionary Union leaders from the States, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president, and Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary.

In declaring the hospital officially opened, S. N. Eliufoo, Tanganyika's minister of health, spoke of the need for centers of tuberculosis control and expressed appreciation to Southern Baptists for the facilities at Mbeya. The *Sunday News* of Dar es Salaam, capital of Tanganyika, carried a two-page spread on the hospital and the Baptist missionaries of the country and an appreciative editorial entitled, "Men with a Mission."

"Meet the dedicated men and women now in Tanganyika with the Baptist Mission of East Africa," the editorial said. "They are here, like 1,300 of their fellows in 40 or more countries throughout the world, to carry out Christ's command to heal the sick and to spread his gospel.

"Nor are they an isolated few exceptions among the millions of the United States. Behind these men and women stands the Southern Baptist Convention of America, consisting of some 30,000 church congregations. They provide the money for such great Christian works as the tuberculosis hospital opening this week at Mbeya . . ."

Just A Minute

ARROGANTLY the atheist on the platform repeated his challenge. "If anyone can prove that I am wrong, will he please come forward?" He was certain no one would challenge his remarks.

An aged, gray-haired man came slowly to the platform. Carefully he sat on a chair at the center. Not one word of argument did he speak. Instead he took an orange from his pocket, peeled it and divided it into sections. With thousands of eyes watching him he ate each piece.

"How did the orange taste?" asked the aged man.

"I don't know. I did not taste it," replied the atheist.

"Then why do you talk against Christianity and salvation?" asked the Christian. You haven't tasted or experienced it. But I have tasted and found that the Lord is good, and I advise you to do the same."

No one can ever know what salvation is like until he experiences it in the mercy and love of God as provided through Jesus Christ, His Son.—Editor Jack L. Gritz, *The Baptist Messenger*.

A Catholic for President

By John Q. Schisler
Nashville, Tenn.

SENATOR JOHN Kennedy of Massachusetts and Governor Pat Brown of California are candidates for President of the United States, though unannounced at the time this is written. They are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Should either of them, or any other Roman Catholic, be elected president?

It makes no difference to me, a Methodist, whether the president is an Episcopalian as was Roosevelt, or a Baptist as is Truman, or a Presbyterian as is Eisenhower. The reason is simple: none of the Protestant churches lays any claim to secular or political power. They are churches.

The Roman Catholic is also a church but it is more than a church and it is a peculiar kind of church. It claims to be the one and only true church. It claims that its head, the Pope, is the vicegerent of Jesus Christ on earth. It claims and exercises political power through its hierarchy in every nation where it is the dominant religious body, as for example in Spain, Portugal, Columbia, and other Latin American States. The truth is it is already exercising great political power in the United States.

When Mr. Kennedy spoke in Nashville, he said: "Whatever one's religion in private life may be, for the office holder nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution and all its parts—including the first amendment and the strict separation of Church and state."

THE PROTESTANT POSITION

THAT IS A good statement of the Protestant position. Of course, Mr. Kennedy knows this and he also knows that it is a position which he cannot hold and continue to be a good Catholic. In fact this position was repudiated by the editors of at least two Catholic papers, *The Providence Visitor* and *Ave Maria*. The first of these is the weekly newspaper of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence. It said that Mr. Kennedy had "overstated his case."

The editorial said that the senator was in error in saying that nothing takes precedence over an office holder's oath to uphold the constitution, whatever his religion. "Man's highest allegiance is to God, to his conscience before God," the editorial said. "If anything in a constitution conflicts with what he knows to be his moral duty in conscience, he must disregard it."

For a Protestant, the conscience is a very personal thing enthroned in his inner self, but for a Roman Catholic conscience means the teachings and directives of his Church. The Roman Catholic Church assumes the right and prerogative of determining what a Catholic's conscience is.

For example, Father John V. Sheridan says in the *Roman Catholic Tidings* of August 15, 1958: "There is no conflict be-

tween the dictates of a Catholic's conscience and those of his church for the simple reason that the dictates of his conscience will always follow and reflect those of his church—For its members, conscience is actually formed by the decrees of the church."

An even higher authority, Cardinal Mercier, says: "The papacy—the accepted and cherished supremacy of one conscience over all other consciences!"

REACTION OF CATHOLIC PRESS

THE AVE MARIA is a national Catholic weekly magazine. It refers to Senator Kennedy's statement quoted above and says: "Something does indeed take precedence over the obligation to uphold the constitution—namely conscience. To relegate your conscience to your private life is not only unrealistic but dangerous as well."

In other words, conscience must control an official's public life also. To put it in still other words, if a Roman Catholic were president he must obey his conscience even when it is in conflict with the constitution. It is obvious that this means that liberty under law, which has been the bulwark of our national government from the day of its founding, is at an end. Substituted for it is the president's conscience, which as Father Sheridan has said, is formed for him by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church.

Protestants, and especially Methodists, have long been tolerant of the views of Christians in other churches. We would not have it otherwise. But there is a point where tolerance ceases to be a virtue.

Furthermore, Protestants are not well informed regarding the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church or of its practices in countries where it is the dominant religion. Many Protestants thoughtlessly put the Roman Catholic Church in the same category as the Protestant denominations and think that electing a Catholic as president is the same as electing a Baptist or Presbyterian or Lutheran. They are very much mistaken!

Our tolerance and our ignorance have led us to the point of danger. In pondering this matter we must remember the enormous power that resides in the office of president. One aspect of this is his power to appoint members of his cabinet, judges of the Supreme Court and many lesser federal courts, district attorneys, postmasters, ambassadors and other representatives to foreign nations. We must also remember that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is one of the most aggressive religious and political forces on earth. Do you think it would let the president forget to whom he is obligated?

In the light of these incontrovertible arguments, I believe that the election of a Roman Catholic as president of the United States would be a major disaster. One is being no alarmist when he appeals to his Protestant brethren to wake up, inform themselves, begin to think and act before it is too late. ■

New Organization Set For Baptist TV Series

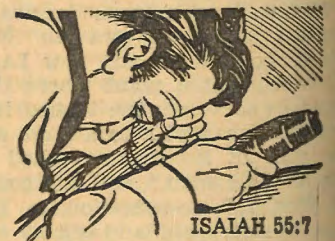
FT. WORTH —(BP)— "Televangelism," which involves group-viewing of Southern Baptists' television series, "The Answer," combined with local church visitation, has a different organizational setup for 1960, said Paul Stevens, director of the denomination's Radio-TV Commission.

Southern Baptist Convention state secretaries of evangelism voted to adopt "Televangelism" as part of the over-

all evangelism program recently. All local organization and promotion will be under the direction of each state secretary of evangelism, working on the local level through the associational chairman of evangelism.

Time clearance for "The Answer" series beginning with the first Sunday in January will be handled locally wherever this is desired, under the direction of the state evangelism secretary. Otherwise, Frank Block Associates in St. Louis, advertising agency for the Commission, will schedule the TV program.

The Bible Says



Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

2,825 Churches, 5,632 Missions Begun

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—(BP)—Southern Baptists thus far have established 2,825 new churches and formed 5,632 new missions during their 30,000 Movement, the director of the movement announced here.

C. C. Warren, former president of the Convention in whose 1956 presidential address the 30,000 challenge was spouted, gave the new totals.

Totals are for July 1, but complete replies from around the Convention for that date have only recently been received.

The 30,000 Movement has a goal of establishing at least 10,000 new churches and 20,000 new missions and preaching stations through the year 1984. It is a part of Southern Baptist participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The greatest number of new churches, 205, have been founded in Texas. Second place state is California, with 179 new churches. Third and fourth states in order are Florida and Illinois.

California has initiated the largest number of new missions, 368. It is closely followed by Illinois and Texas, with 365 each.

New churches on foreign mission fields total 979 and new missions there, 2,236.

The state by state rundown, listing new churches first and new missions next:

Alabama, 101-130; Alaska, 13-25; Arizona, 47-126; Arkansas, 52-78; California, 179-368; Colorado, 43-105; District of Columbia, 6-3; Florida, 133-156; Georgia, 76-84; Illinois, 124-365;

Indiana, 1-6; Kentucky, 81-206; Kansas, 19-33; Louisiana, 73-84; Maryland, 25-79; Michigan, 40-64; Missouri, 61-219; Mississippi, 64-52; New Mexico, 31-92; North Carolina, 108-95; Ohio, 95-151; Oklahoma, 58-141.

Oregon-Washington, 39-70; South Carolina, 43-95; Tennessee, 82-152; Texas, 205-365; Virginia, 47-52, and foreign fields, 979-2,236.

Sees Greater Missionary Challenge

THE MAN WHO keeps Southwestern Seminary's "Chair of Fire" burning has returned from an evangelistic tour of the Near East with the conviction that Southern Baptists have never had a greater missionary challenge in the cradle of the Christian faith.

C. E. Autrey, professor of evangelism, preached in Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, and Israel during his 10-week tour.

He pinpointed Israel as one specific area where the need is urgent. "We need 20 more missionaries there immediately," he said.

There is no Southern Baptist work of any kind in Tel Aviv, a city of 500,000, or in Haifa with its 350,000 people. "The great masses of people without Christ staggered me," Autrey said.

He told of introducing new methods of evangelism to local churches in the Near East. "By custom they are reticent to invite to their services people whom they do not know. We sent them out to extend personal invitations to strangers and the results were amazing."

Autrey paid tribute to the staff of the Southern Baptist hospital in Jordan. "It is an oasis of mercy and truth in a desert of spiritual blindness," he said. "They are preaching Christ there by deed and word. Dr. John Roper took me to the top of one of the hospital buildings, which stands on a mountain, and pointed out four vil-

lages in the view of the mountains of Gilead where services are now being held. He pointed to one village in particular and said that in the last five months 40 persons had been won to Christ there. They had worked for years in that village without results."

In Jerusalem Autrey participated in the first nationwide evangelistic conference ever held in Israel. Almost 100 people attended.

What is the chief obstacle to evangelism in the Near East? "I think it is the fact that family and community ties are so much stronger than religious bonds," Autrey answered.

"A person who accepts Jesus Christ as his Savior is ostracized by his family and friends. He will very likely lose his job."

"Somehow we must create Christian communities where converts will feel welcome and will be able to find employment," Autrey said.

Autrey returned home just in time to receive a copy of his new book, **Basic Evangelism**, which deals with the fundamental principles for the seeking of the lost. The 183-page book is published by Zondervan.

Autrey was secretary of evangelism in Louisiana for three years and an associate in the department of evangelism for the Home Mission Board before coming to Southwestern in 1955 to occupy the famous "Chair of Fire" — the position as professor of evangelism — inaugurated by Lee R. Scarborough, the seminary's second president. ■

Brotherhood Building Open House Oct. 11

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(BP)— An invitation to Southern Baptists to tour the new Brotherhood Commission building at 1548 Poplar Ave. here Oct. 11, has been extended by George W. Schroeder, executive secretary.

Schroeder said the recently completed two-story addition to the national headquarters of the Southern Baptist Convention agency raises its building investment here to more than \$250,000. ■

SBC President Warns Each Church Is Entity

DALLAS —(BP)— A stern warning against the idea of Southern Baptist churches becoming "A Church" was issued by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention at a Brotherhood meeting here.

Ramsey Pollard, Southern Baptist's highest elected official, spoke at Mt. Lebanon Encampment to 2,500 men, the largest crowd ever assembled for a Dallas Association's Brotherhood meeting.

"Our own people as well as other Christians must remember that every Baptist church is an entity within itself," he said. "Some people want to interpret every statement I make as being the voice of the convention. The president of the Southern Baptist Convention has no right or authority to give an official pronouncement."

The SBC president said he favored doing away with the old mourner's bench but not with what it symbolizes — repentance. He credited evangelism with being responsible for Southern Baptists' increase in growth and giving and said that the Holy Spirit cannot use people until they dedicate their lives to Christian service. ■

The Old Refrain

"THEY WON'T miss me!" said the mother, as she repeatedly left her children for rounds of teas and parties. The devil did not "miss" her children either.

"They won't miss me!" said the policeman as he skipped a round on his patrol for a game of poker. But that night the store was robbed.

"They won't miss me!" said the soldier as he went AWOL. But he spent thirty days in the guardhouse after that.

"They won't miss me!" said the man on the assembly line, as he slipped away without permission. But an airplane crashed and killed his brother — for the lack of a single nut.

"They won't miss me!" said the sentry, as he slipped away from duty. But the enemy surprised and massacred his comrades that very night.

"They won't miss me!" said the church member as he omitted worship one Sunday, and another, for trivial reasons, and then wondered why he no longer enjoyed a victorious Christian life.

"They won't miss me!" said the Christian worker as he shed his responsibility in a day of crisis, and then wondered why his country gave way to softness and demoralization.— Quoted in bulletin of Central Baptist Church, NLR. ■

Those Peculiar Baptists

By W. R. WHITE

President, Baylor University

THIS IS a mild term compared to what some people use to describe Baptists. No group is discussed or "cussed" as much as we are. At least, we are alive enough to provoke considerable and repeated comment.

Some of the criticism aimed at us is justified. We are human, frail, and very active. Graveyards make few mistakes but contain many buried errors.

We are unnecessarily offensive at times. There are plenty of Baptists who are as narrow as any sectarians. Unfortunately on occasion we utter ill advised statements individually and collectively.

Reporters often misunderstand and therefore misinterpret our words and actions. Some of the reporting is colored by prejudice. Much of it is due to inadequate means and methods of communicating ourselves.

Price of Democracy

We are vigorous individualists. The well known observation of J. B. Gambrell is pertinent here. He said that fools of all other faiths are fools held in check by certain official restraints, but that Baptist fools are just fools at large.

It is the price of a real democracy as over against modified forms. Liberty will ever be abused as long as we are free and human.

Strict in Doctrine

We are more strict in our doctrines and standards than most major denominations. We appear to be out of step and out of date to many, and yet we are thriving as none of the so-called liberal groups.

There is an Episcopal university which requires the wearing of coats in classrooms and public functions. To them it is a tradition of propriety and dignity. Some of our Baptist standards are symbols of distinctiveness, separation and spirituality.

A flag may be a piece of cloth with different colors. To some that is about all it means. To others it symbolizes a great tradition of valor, achievement and principles. An egg shell may appear insignificant, possessing very little value. It is a work of identification and has considerable utility.

The peculiarities of Baptists appear to some people, and to a few Baptists, as symptoms of narrowness, bigotry and ignorance.

A large benefactor of one of our Baptist institutions said, "I once had very little patience with Baptists. I am not one of them and owe them nothing. I have come to the conclusion that their peculiarity is an asset after all. I believe that they will be the last to bow



to a dictator or submit to regimentation."

Too Often Crude

Too frequently we are crude and unkind in the way we affirm and assert our distinctives.

Nevertheless a strongly believing Baptist feels deeply and is convinced that he is the trusted custodian of priceless distinctives which he must never compromise. Out of such spirit martyrs are made and the torch of truth and freedom is kept aflame.

Our Greatest Danger

Soft, flabby liberalism is our greatest danger. It conditions for the surrender of vital principles. It is a pre-brainwashing process that paves the way for either communism or other subtle "isms."

Liberalism at times appears to be so tolerant and sweetly Christian, but it has its own lurking prejudices.

Cross one of these prejudices and see how fiercely intolerant he can become. He is more suave, adroit, and diplomatic than his devoutly believing brother but not so obvious and sincere.

Loyal to Convictions

We need to be liberal in spirit but tenaciously loyal to our convictions.

Joseph Fort Newell who knew George W. Truett well said of him in substance, "George W. Truett is a thorough going Baptist. He would like to see everybody the right kind of a Baptist but would not use the weight of his little finger to compel anybody to be a Baptist. Let it not be forgotten that in spirit and soul George W. Truett belongs to all Christians whatever persuasion. He feels deeply a sense of fellowship with every one of them."

Contend for the Faith

This writer is not ashamed to be identified with the great Baptist fellowship of today and of history. He is ashamed of the way some Baptists behave.

He has known of several who became "disgusted" with Baptists and united with other groups and then returned to the fold. According to their testimony they were disillusioned. They

found that things looked very different upon closer observation.

All fellowships are made up of human beings with feet of clay.

We can be true to our faith and be decently Christian.

We can contend earnestly for the faith without being contentious.

We can speak the truth in love.

—Baptist Messenger

QUOTES AND MISQUOTES

(From *Our Roving Bible*, by Lawrence E. Nelson, Abingdon, paper-back, \$1.50)

Something More Involved

GOING TO church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.—Billy Sunday

Having Something to Say

EVEN BALAAM's ass acquired speech when he had something definite to say.—Max S. Nordau

Father Atom

CLIFF HILL can't understand why we make so much fuss about the power of the atom when everyone knows the whole human race sprang from Atom and Eve.—Lee Shippey

Greater Than That

THE BIBLE has been a greater influence on the course of English literature than all other forces put together.—William Lyon Phelps. Yes, Dr. Phelps, and the same can be said for the Bible's influence on the course of the human race!—ELM

In Our Own Image

GOD CREATED man in his own image — and man returned the compliment.—Anonymous

What Policy?

POLICY CONSISTS in serving God in such a manner as not to offend the devil.—Thomas Fuller

The Virginia Viewpoint

"THEN SHALL the kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom . . ."

"Well, if the Bible says so it must be true. But I never would have believed that there were five foolish virgins."—Anonymous

New Baptist Church Is First in Togo

THE FIRST Baptist church in the Republic of Togo was organized in Lome, the capital, on Aug. 8, with 62 charter members. This new church and the five Baptist preaching stations of the country are in the Lome Keta Baptist Association, one of the eight in the Ghana Baptist Conference. There are no Baptist missionaries in Togo.

Dr. Mueller Named To Seminary Post

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Dr. William A. Mueller, internationally known church historian and theologian, has been selected professor of church history at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, seminary president, announces.

Dr. Mueller, professor of church history at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will assume his new duties in January, Dr. Eddleman said.

Said Dr. Eddleman, "Because of Dr. Mueller's reputation as a scholar in the field of theology and church history, his coming to New Orleans Seminary is one of the most outstanding acquisitions to the teaching personnel over the years."

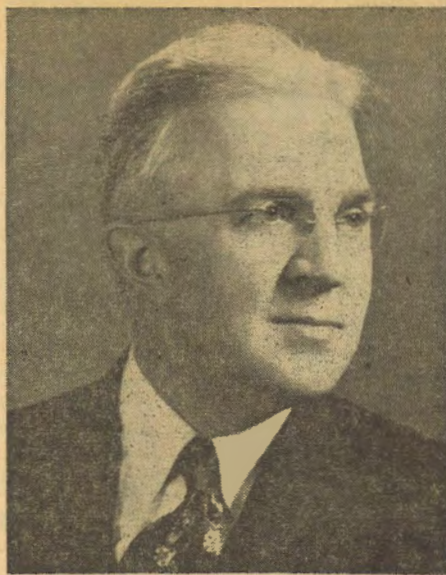
Since 1948 Dr. Mueller has been a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary, where he taught philosophy of religion, Baptist history, reformation history, church history, and systematic theology.

Prior to that he taught at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. He was also lecturer in philosophy and psychology of religion at New York University and was head of the foreign language department of Hempstead High School, Hempstead, N. Y.

A prolific writer, Dr. Mueller is the author of over 400 books, articles, pamphlets and book reviews, covering a variety of fields, in six languages.

Because of his linguistic ability, Dr. Mueller has served as moderator and interpreter for church conferences in Europe and America.

Honored frequently by his European and American colleagues in the areas of church history and theology, Dr. Mueller was invited to Denmark to the First International Luther Research



DR. MUELLER

Congress in 1956 and has been invited to the same congress which will be held in Munster University, Munster, Germany, in 1960.

Dr. Mueller has served as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and the First German Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and as director of religious education for the Buffalo (N. Y.) Baptist Union. He is frequently guest minister in churches, and lectures at student meetings, religious emphasis weeks at colleges and universities, and missions conferences.

Dr. Mueller is a former vice president of the American (Northern) Baptist Convention and is a member of the following organizations: American Church History Society, International Society for Reformation Research, Luther Society of Germany, Baptist Ten Club of Louisville, and the Southern Baptist Historical Society. ■

Russia's Word to America

THE SOVIETS have been saying something to the United States recently through the Soviet Exposition and the Russian Festival of Arts. Both speak well of Soviet achievements in the world race for supremacy.

The Exposition was held at the Columbus Square Coliseum and was officially opened with impressive ceremonies, with President Eisenhower and Soviet Deputy Minister Frol Kozlov in attendance. It showed the proudest of the Russian accomplishments to date. Prominent in this display were Sputniks, clothes, food, cars, farm machinery, and evidence of developments in education, transportation, and health programs.

The absence of religious emphasis was all too obvious. The state is the official god in Russia, and "to the Communist Party be glory for all these things."

Simultaneously with the Exposition was presented the Festival of Arts in Madison Square Garden. From a cultural viewpoint it was unexcelled in its

outstanding demonstrations of ballet, music, and national art. The Exposition spoke of machines; the Festival revealed something of the Russian soul. Here there was a glimpse of the true Russia which Tolstoi loved, and which Pasternak saw covered with revolutionary blood.

Russia is saying to the world that she has achieved great things in the realm of science and art, but that she is still trying to worship a false god. Her true greatness will not come until she kneels to the King of kings. Pray God America will learn from Russia's error to seek true greatness, not in machines, but through obedience to the true God.—George W. Riddle, SBC Christian Life Commission. ■

IRA LEE BAKER, assistant professor of journalism and English, Furman University, Greenville, S. C., was re-elected president of the American Association of Teachers of Religious Journalism at the annual meeting held recently at the University of Oregon.

Baptists Need Internal Education, Says McCall

FORT WORTH —(BP)— Baptist churches are losing members to other denominations because they are doing "just an average job inside their churches on improving and educating members," said Abner V. McCall, executive vice president of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

"Baptists do a good job, in fact a better job, of evangelization than other denominations," but as a result of an "average" internal education program, other denominations are getting more of their members from among Baptists than from non-church members, he said.

McCall told members of the Broadway Church, Ft. Worth, "Many of us, because of an inadequate concept of God, worship the wrong concept of God."

"God is not big because He is infinite; not powerful because He is omnipotent; and not old because He is eternal," McCall said.

Desire of Nations

By BRUCE H. PRICE

First Church, Newport News, Va.

"WHAT IS the greatest need of Japan?" I asked a very intelligent Japanese man who served in World War II.

Without hesitation, he replied, "Peace. Peace is the need of the world. If there is world peace all other problems can be solved."

Flying on the India Airlines from Calcutta to Delhi, I met the Russian Consul to Calcutta who was traveling with his wife and small twin boys. During the conversation he related that he had recently signed visas for a group of American students to visit Russia. Then he added, "Such a visit gives a better understanding among the people of each nation and helps world peace."

A civilian, who spent four years in a concentration camp in Egypt during the war, remarked, "I am fighting for peace." It is his feeling that everyone should do all he can for peace.

While he was cutting my hair, a barber in London observed, "A ten-year-old boy playing ball in the street, breaks a window and he is spanked. A grown man drops an atomic bomb, destroying a city, and he is given a medal of honor." Pausing for a moment, he continued, "I experienced enough in the last war to know that we must have peace."

In Israel the common Jewish salutation is "shalom," which means "peace."

This adds up to one truth: The desire of all people is for peace. And peace can be found about the throne of the Prince of Peace.

THE BOOKSHELF

Here I Stand, the life of Martin Luther, by Roland Bainton, a paper-back by Abingdon, 1950, \$1.75.

Dr. Bainton is Titus Street Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Yale Divinity School, and one of America's leading specialists in Reformation history. Harold E. Fey, in *Saturday Review*, has described this work as "The best one-volume Luther biography in any language."

The Life and Times of Herod the Great, by Stewart Perowne, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$5.50.

"Herod the Great was one of the most glittering figures of one of the most glowing periods of human history," the author declares. "His life was full of action and incident, of peril and politics, of triumph and tragedy, his character an amazing psychological enigma."

The author digs into a wealth of historical facts in this new assessment of a charming Arab prince known to most people as the man who massacred the babes of Bethlehem.

The Later Herod, the political background of the New Testament, by Stewart Perowne, Abingdon Press, 1958, \$6.50.

Here is a vivid picture of the first-century Roman Empire—the times of such colorful Roman emperors as Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, and Nero. Here is the picture in relationship to the ministries and careers of John the Baptist, Jesus, and Paul of Tarsus. It is a companion book to **The Life and Times of Herod the Great**.

The Cokesbury Marriage Manual, Abingdon, 1959.

This is a re-issue of this book which first was published in 1933. Social ideas change regarding marriage, and even the church pronouncements differ from those of a generation ago, writes William H. Beech in the Preface to the revised and enlarged edition. Changes in the state laws have not been too great, but it has been felt wise to insert into the pages the results of the latest legislation.

A Poet Prays, by Violet Alleyn Storey, Abingdon, 1959, \$2.

In sixty-nine prayers in verse the author invites the reader to share her spiritual resources.

Our Roving Bible, by Lawrence E. Nelson, Abingdon, 1955, paperback, \$1.50.

The author attempts to show how the Scriptures have influenced our customs, attitudes, and culture across the years.

Paul, a biography drawn from evidence in the Apostle's writings, by Edgar J. Goodspeed, Abingdon, 1947, paper-back, \$1.25.

In this life of Paul, Dr. Goodspeed, as in his widely-acclaimed **How Came The Bible?** and **How to Read the Bible**, interprets the findings of modern scholarship for the average reader of the Bible.



ET TU, MARIE?—History gets confused in this picture which combines Queen Marie Antoinette of France with the current Baptist Jubilee Advance. The French queen lost her head in 1793. This is a pretty Baptist Sunday School Board employee playing the role of Marie in skit at Southern Baptist Promotion Conference.—(BP) Photo

The Paradoxes of Jesus, by Ralph W. Sockman, Abingdon, 1936, paper-back, \$1.25.

The author, well known as lecturer and author, has been minister of Christ Church, (Methodist) in New York since 1917. In this book he searches the sayings of Jesus, dealing especially with the parables and the Sermon on the Mount.

Psychology, Religion, and Healing, by Leslie C. Weatherhead, Abingdon, 1952, paper-back, \$1.75.

Dr. Weatherhead is one of the world's great preachers and a pioneer in the field of pastoral psychology. He is minister of City Temple, London, England. His ministry to the war-stricken people during World War II won him worldwide acclaim as a pastor and psychologist of unusual ability.

Christian Symbolism in the Evangelical Churches, by Thomas Albert Stafford, Abingdon, 1942, paper-back, \$1.25.

The author is secretary emeritus of the Board of Pensions of the Methodist Church, with a record of 50 years of ministerial service in the pastorate and denominational administrative work. ■

DR. GORDON Clinard, Associate Professor of Preaching at Southwestern Seminary, has been named managing editor of the *Southwestern Journal of Theology*. Former homiletical editor of the bi-annual seminary publication, Clinard succeeds Dr. J. Leo Garrett, who is now teaching at Southern Seminary.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

QUESTION: I enjoy your column in the *Arkansas Baptist* very much. It is about the first thing I turn to.

I would like to know what you think of us as Christians women using a little makeup and cutting our hair. Do you think it is wrong? I know that those who are not Christians do the same and that we are to live above the world.



DR. HUDSON

ANSWER: I would not bother to answer this letter if I did not receive dozens just like it. Many Christian women must face this same problem.

Many Scriptures in the New Testament reflect the customs of the times and must be so interpreted.

For example Paul in I Corinthians 11 says that a man should not have long hair and that woman should not have short hair. Then he concludes the discussion by saying, "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God" (I Corinthians 11:16). In other words, there is no specific ruling about such customs that is fundamental to the Christian faith.

In the first letter to Timothy the matter of "braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array" is dealt with. Paul says that the principle is that women are to adorn themselves in modest apparel, to do that "which becometh women professing godliness" (I Timothy 2:10).

It seems to me that folkways or customs change from age to age and from country to country. This does not mean that Christians are to dress in a queer manner. They simply are not to try to outdo the world in show and fashion.

Sister, look your best! God expects you to look pretty and sweet. But don't show off.

(Address your questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

60 Pages Trimmed From Reports Book

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Action of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here will lighten the burden of pastors and laymen who attend the annual convention.

Vote of the Executive Committee reduces by one-fifth the number of pages in the yearly Book of Reports. The Book of Reports, which contains reports of the agencies and committees, contained 360 pages this year.

The next Book of Reports will contain a minimum of 286 pages or a maximum of 304 pages. Agencies and committees will be given an assigned number of pages in which to present their reports and must conform to that space limitation. ■

Problems Facing New Officers

ALL OVER Arkansas the Brotherhood officers for the new year are taking up their duties. This article is dedicated largely to these new officers and to the work that is before them.

Every Brotherhood officer must face and solve some very pressing problems if he shall take advantage of his opportunities, meet his responsibilities and fulfill his obligations.

First, there is the problem of adjustment. You must adjust your life to the demands of your office, in order that you will find the energy to accomplish the tasks before you, and in order that you will find the time necessary to do the job well.

Second, there is the problem of adequate study. You must learn what your duties are, and then carefully and prayerfully learn how best to do them, taking knowledge of the experience of others. You must learn all you can about Brotherhood, about Brotherhood concepts and Brotherhood methods. This surely means a thorough study of the Brotherhood Guidebook, the Brotherhood Handbook, and of all available Brotherhood tracts and other printed helps. It also means the study of the Brotherhood Journal, the quarterly publication of the Brotherhood Commission.

Third, there is the problem of cooperation, of working with all the officers of your Brotherhood to build a better and more effective Brotherhood, and a better church. This means that the officers must get together, pray together, study together, plan together, move forward together, and stay together. It also means that everything done in and by the Brotherhood must be deliberately projected into the life and work of the church. As a part of the church the Brotherhood must work with the church to help set forward the whole program of the church.

We hope for you, as a Brotherhood officer, your finest and most effective year of service to your Lord, to your Church, and to your denomination.—Nelson Tull, Secretary. ■

Training Union

Wanted: 300 People

THREE HUNDRED is the attendance goal for Arkansas for the convention-wide Training Union convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28-30. Write to your Training Union Department for a folder giving the hotel and motel rates. Many churches should follow the example of at least two churches in Paragould by sending their pastor and Training Union director. Other churches will care for the expense of one car. This will be the biggest Training Union event of this generation. It will be absolutely different! Write to the Housing Bureau, Baptist Training Union, 720 Rhodes-Haverty Building, Atlanta 3, Ga., immediately for reser-

vations.

Honor Church Program

The second year of the Honor Church Program will begin Jan. 1. A new diploma will be sent to all churches that fill out and send in a quarterly report for October-November-December quarter. With the exception of point V-Study Course, the second year will be the same as the first year. Under Study Course, a church will need to have study course awards (any course from the church study course) equal to 100 per cent of Training Union enrollment, or a church study course during the year with at least three Training Union methods books being taught.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary. ■

Race Relations

Churches Are Key

THE WORK of the director of the department of Race Relations is responsible for directing the program of the department under the jurisdiction of the Executive Secretary of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The major objective of this department is to assist Negro Baptists in developing stronger churches, associations, conventions, and church related institutions. The work of this department is primarily on the local church level, because the only way to strengthen the association, convention, or convention-owned institutions (such as colleges) is by strengthening the local churches.

The program of this department is planned to meet the needs of the vast majority of Negro Baptist churches in Arkansas. For example, at least 2-3 of the Negro Baptist churches in the state are part-time. In one association of 64 churches, only one is full-time. About 75 per cent of the pastors do not live on the field and many of them are gainfully employed in some other line of work.

Ninety per cent of these churches have inadequate buildings, are 50 to 75 years behind Southern Baptists in church organization, such as department Sunday Schools, Training Union, church financing, and world missions. Although a few of these churches have modern buildings, well educated and able pastors and a good church organizational program, they represent less than 5 per cent of the total number of churches.

This is reflected in the fact that the average educational level of the Negro Baptist pastor in Arkansas is around the 4th or 5th grade.

Consequently 2-3 of the churches know little or nothing about church budgets, and make no gifts to any outside of their local needs. With this tragic deficiency in trained leadership they are weak in doctrine, evangelism, and are unable to challenge, win and train in the Christian way of life the Negro young people of our day.—Clyde Hart, Director.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K SELPH, Th.D.
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

TRIAL BY JURY is a treasured possession. It is written into the Constitution of the United States. This idea



DR. SELPH

has been held among English speaking people since the Magna Charta was secured from King John at Runnymede, June 19, 1215.

Because it has not always been followed, Baptists have suffered. Since England was under the domination of the Episcopal Church, Baptists and other non-conformists were known as Dissenters in the fifteenth century. (All who differed with the Established Church were thus designated.)

Between the years 1661 and 1665, five acts were passed to control Dissenters. These were police laws contrary to the fundamental laws of England.

The Conventicle Act forbade more than five people, exclusive of members of the family, to hold religious services where the Established Church was not used.

The Corporation Act provided that no man could hold office in a corporate town unless he took the sacrament according to the Church of England.

The Test Act provided that no one could attend college or university, hold office or do other important things, unless he was a member of the state church and took communion.

The Five Mile Act forbade a dissenting minister from teaching in any school or coming within five miles of a city or town.

The Blasphemy Act declared one blasphemous who preached or printed anything against infant baptism or other doctrines of the state church. ■

Louisiana Considers \$2,650,000 Budget

ALEXANDRIA, La.—(BP)—The executive board of Louisiana Convention has proposed a convention operating budget of \$2,650,000 for 1960. This compares with the present year's operating budget of \$2½ million.

The Southern Baptist Convention would receive \$833,333 of the budget to support worldwide missionary, educational, and benevolent work.

In addition, Louisiana Convention hopes to raise \$150,000 to meet an advance objective, bringing its goal for 1960 to \$2,800,000.

Louisiana College, Pineville, would receive 68.6 per cent of the advance \$150,000. The remainder would go to the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program.

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A Report to the People

Mission Secretaries Stress Expansion Needs in Africa

"IT IS evident that Baptist work in Africa is challenged by vast opportunities which await to be served," Dr. Bakker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said to the Foreign Mission Board at its September meeting. "It is our hope that in the days ahead we may see an extension of ministries in the many areas of Africa where we have never served."

Dr. Cauthen and Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, had surveyed mission needs in what was formerly called French West Africa and visited missions in Ghana and Nigeria since the last meeting of the Board in July. They visited the capital cities of six of the eight republics which were formerly French colonial territories. The following excerpts are from Dr. Goerner's report:

"The population of the eight new republics is about 19,000,000. Although the territory is rather sparsely settled, there are many large towns and hundreds of small villages. Transportation is fairly well developed, and most of the population is relatively accessible.

"We found the missionary occupation by Protestant agencies a little stronger than had been anticipated. Protestant work has been weak, because the French colonial regime was for many years unfriendly toward Protestant missions. Most of the missionaries are related to smaller organizations, many of which might be described as 'fundamentalist faith missions.'

"Dr. Cauthen and I were well received by representatives of many of these organizations and, while recognizing with gratitude the devotion of these workers, we could not escape an overall impression of weakness which seems to characterize the Protestant witness in this part of the world. The apparent strategy of most of the mission societies has been to reach as many of the small rural villages as possible. This has resulted in missionaries being stationed in tiny out-of-the-way places where the potential leadership of the nation is hardly to be found and the strategic value of the witness is limited. The educated and trained national leadership has hardly been reached.

"In Dakar, Senegal, a great city of nearly 300,000 population, one small French Reformed Church is the only Protestant witness. In Conakry, Guinea, the only 'recognized' Protestant church is that of the French Reformed mission, although there is an independent African congregation which ministers largely to immigrants from Sierra Leone. In Bamako, capital of Soudanese Republic, the only church is

that of the Gospel Missionary Union.

"This relative neglect of the large population center is one of the most tragic aspects of this territory.

"The lack of trained African Christians was quite noticeable. We saw just the beginnings of two or three small pastors' schools, none of which could be called a theological seminary.

"Dr. Cauthen and I arrived at a clear sense of conviction that there is much room for the type of ministry which Southern Baptists could offer in this part of Africa. Few areas of the world could be of more strategic importance than these independent nations which are rapidly emerging from colonialism."

Eight New Missionaries Bring Total to 1,356

Eight appointments at the September meeting of the Board brought to 103 the number for this year and to 1,356 the total of active Southern Baptist missionaries.

The new missionaries are George A. Canzoneri and Elizabeth Ray Canzoneri, both of Mississippi, appointed for North Brazil; J. Hunter Hammett and Patsy Price Hammett, both of Texas, for Taiwan (Formosa); Earl E. Jolley, Louisiana, and Veta Nell Cook Jolley, Texas, for Argentina; and Paul S. Moody and Virginia Ashe Moody, both of Georgia, for Thailand.

Dr. Cauthen said the prospect is good for coming to the end of 1959 with 140 appointments.

World Relief Money Needed

With the appropriation of \$6,414 from relief funds, the Foreign Mission Board called attention to the fact that its last dollar for world relief has now been used. Along with this announcement came the report of Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, that recent weeks have brought severe typhoon and flood damage in Japan and Taiwan. He said: "Individual Christians in some areas have suffered serious losses and Baptist churches and institutions some minor damages. Such natural tragedies point up the need for increased relief funds in hand for such emergencies."

Southern Baptist relief funds are administered by the Foreign Mission Board. Churches and individuals should send relief money either through their state convention offices or directly to the Foreign Mission Board. ■

555,555 Goal Set For 'M' Night

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— A goal of 555,555 persons in attendance has been set for annual "M" (Mobilization) Night simultaneous associational Training Union meetings scheduled for early December, with Dec. 7 as the suggested date.

Social Drinkers Threat on Highway

THE GREATEST threat to life on the highways of America is not the down-and-out drunkard, but the social drinker, Dr. William E. Brown, executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, declared here recently.

Speaking to a representative group of Pulaski County citizens gathered at the Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, to consider plans for the organizing of a county chapter of the Foundation, Dr. Brown cited a recent report from the American Medical Association.

According to the report, based on the findings of 25 physicians, Dr. Brown said, the alcohol contained in two average, social highballs or two beers reduces the vision of the drinker by 30 per cent and his muscular reaction 30 per cent.

Alcohol is actually an anesthetic and not a stimulant, but the drinker thinks it is a stimulant and has the feeling that his perception is sharpened by it rather than dulled, Dr. Brown said. Hence the great risk of the social drinker in modern highway traffic.

"The American public is being brain-washed by liquor interests through the most intense propaganda campaign ever seen," Dr. Brown declared. "If you have a radio or television on in your homes, the liquor promoters come into your homes 20 to 100 times a day to put across the idea that liquor is good for you," he continued.

Organization of the Pulaski County chapter of the foundation will be completed at an all-day workshop to be held at the Winfield Methodist church on Oct. 22, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Named by Dr. Brown as a nominating committee to nominate a chairman, vice chairman and secretary for the Pulaski County chapter were: Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of 1st Methodist Church, Little Rock, chairman; Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of 2nd Baptist Church, Little Rock; Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock; and J. Albert Gatlin, pastor of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

While the Christian Civic Foundation concerns itself with the problem of the confirmed alcoholic, it is seeking ways of preventing alcoholism through a program of alcohol-narcotics education in the public schools, Dr. Brown said.

The workshop here, one of 30 to be held in the state, will prepare volunteer teachers to teach in the junior and senior high schools of the state. More than 50 schools have already indicated a readiness for this program, which will be put into effect the second semester of the current school year.

Program personalities for the local workshop will include Dr. N. T. Hollis, Little Rock physician, who will speak



DR. MILLER



MR. REGAN

on "The Effects of Alcohol on the Human Body"; Miss Imogene Dunlap, of Nashville, Tenn., who will deal with the motivations for drinking and will discuss the evil of pornographic films and literature; Rev. Robert Regan, Jr., of the General Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., who will speak on "Alcoholism;" and Dr. A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., who will speak on, "The Effects of Drinking on Society."

Dr. Brown will outline the program of education for the Arkansas schools.

Chapters of the Christian Civic Foundation have now been set up in 63 counties. ■

THREE GA'S at 1st Church, Benton, were recognized as queen regent at recent coronation services. They are Joanne Hellen, Janet Selph and Paula McClure. (DP)

GUS PRINCE, former pastor of 1st Church, Hunter, who moved to Hemet, Calif., to pastor the Bethel Church, writes: "The fields are truly white unto harvest and we look forward to a good ministry here."

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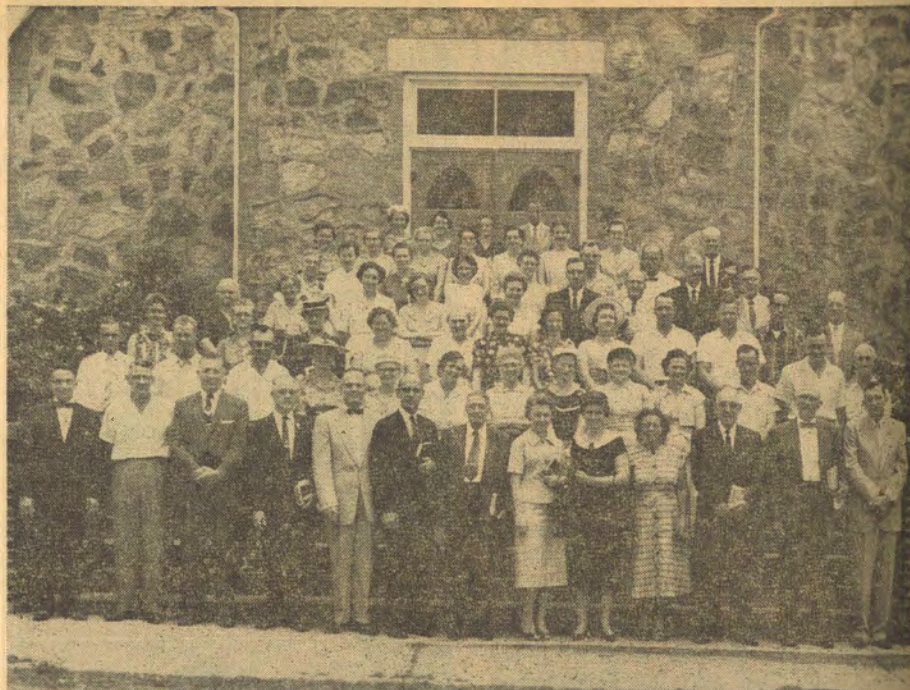
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SUNDAY SCHOOL officers and teachers of the West Batesville Church, Batesville, which reached the Advanced Standard at the close of the 1958-59 Sunday School year. The church was also Advanced Standard for 1957-58. Sixth from left in the front row is Pastor Leslie Riherd. On his right is Sunday School superintendent Hayden Carpenter and, on his left, former pastor T. J. D. King.

GARDENDALE CHURCH, Birmingham, Ala., of which Howard Bryant is pastor, had Dr. Bernes K. Selph, pastor of 1st Church, Benton, for a revival Sept. 14-20. There were a number of additions by profession of faith and by letter, and numerous rededications. Baptists of Arkansas will be interested to know that Brother Bryant, who served for fifteen years as a missionary in Chile, comes to Arkansas each fall to minister to migrant workers in the harvest. He will be working this fall with Missionary John Gearing of Mississippi County Association, Blytheville.

West Batesville Reaches Advanced Standard Again

ACHIEVING SOMETHING never before attained by a Baptist church in Arkansas, the West Batesville Church reached the Advanced Standard for their Sunday School for the second straight year. As of Sept. 1, there were only six other Advanced Standard Sunday Schools in the Southern Baptist Convention for the 1958-59 Sunday School year.

For a church to qualify for Advanced Standard, at least 50 per cent of the workers must hold the Sunday School Workers Diploma and every department must be standard. The West Batesville Church has all of their 16 departments standard and has 30 standard classes. Leslie Riherd is the pastor and Hayden Carpenter is the Sunday School superintendent. ■

J. T. MIDKIFF, social science professor, Southern College, Walnut Ridge, has accepted the pastorate of the Hope-well Church, Corning. For the past three years, Mr. Midkiff has been pastor of the 1st Church, Poynor, Mo. He is a graduate of Ouachita, Memphis State University, and has attended Peabody College and Indiana University.

FORT WORTH — Leonard Sanderson, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, will preach for Southwestern Seminary's Religious Emphasis Week, Oct. 13-16.



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BSU PRESIDENTS—Jim Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greer of Ozark, is the new BSU President at Arkansas Tech. Jim is a junior in college and is majoring in music education. He plans to become a band director after graduation. Miss Louise Crutcher, daughter of Mrs. W. D. Crutcher of Rosie, is serving as BSU president of Arkansas College. Louise is a senior speech major and plans to teach.

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Suggestions for things needed most: jellies; fruit, canned and fresh; flour; corn-meal; syrup; canned peas; corn; beans, etc.; rice and nuts; sweet and Irish potatoes; feed of all kinds; (corn, small grain feed, such as maize, etc.) and hay in truck loads of 120 bales. (Several friends could go together.) Toilet articles; school supplies; sheets; bed spreads and good used clothing.

SCHEDULE

Week of Oct. 12:

Monday: Montrose; Portland; Parkdale; Wilnot; Eudora; Lake Village; Dermott; McGehee; Tillar; Dumas; Gould; Pine Bluff, 1st, 2nd, Immanuel, Southside, Central, Lee Memorial, Matthew Memorial, Forrest Park.

Tuesday: Altheimer; Humphrey; Stuttgart, 1st, North Maple St.; Almyra; DeWitt; Hazen; Carlisle; Lonoke; Little Rock, 1st, 2nd, Immanuel, Tabernacle, Pulaski Heights., Gaines St., Baring Cross, South Highland.

Wednesday: Kingsland; Fordyce; Bearden; Sparkman; New Hope; Camden, 1st; Stephens; Cullendale; Elliott; Louan; Smackover; Norphlet; El Dorado, 1st, Immanuel, 2nd, Southside, West Side.

Thursday: Junction City; Strong; Huttig.

Week of Oct. 19

Monday: Newport, 1st, Immanuel; Tuckerman; Swifton; Alicia; Hoxie; Black Rock; Imboden; Walnut Ridge; White Oak; Pocahontas; Shannon; Maynard; Biggers; Reyno; Success; Corning; Ring, Noble New Hope.

Tuesday: Piggott; Rector; Marmaduke; Paragould, 1st, East Side; Leachville; Monette; Manilla; Dell; Blytheville, 1st, Calvary; New Liberty; Luxora; Osceola, 1st, Calvary; Wilson; Joiner; Tyrnza; Marked Tree; Lapano; Truman; Nettleton; Lake City.

Wednesday: Jonesboro, 1st, Central, Walnut St., Fischer St.; Biscoe; Devalls Bluff; Harrisburg; Cherry Valley.

Week of Oct. 26

Monday: Clinton; Leslie; Marshall; St. Joe; Bellfonte.

Tuesday: Yellville; Flippin; Cotter; East Cotter; Gassville; Hopewell; Mt. Home; Viola; Salem; Mammoth Spring; Hardy Ozarks; Calico Rock; Melbourne; Sage; Batesville, 1st, West Batesville; Ruddle Hill.

Wednesday: Mountain View; Concorn; Heber Springs.

Week of Nov. 2

Monday: Arkadelphia, 1st, 2nd; Gurdon; Prescott; Emmett; Hope; Lewisville; Stamps; Waldo, Waldo Memorial; Magnolia, Central; Canfield; Bradley.

Tuesday: Dodridge; Fouke; Texarkana, Beech St., Calvary, Immanuel; Grannis; Wicks; Cove; Hatsfield; Mena; Waldron.

Week of Nov. 10

Monday: Mansfield; Hartford; Winslow; Farmington; Fayetteville, 1st, University; Lincoln; Springdale, 1st, Caudle Ave.; Lowell.

Tuesday: Siloam Springs; Gentry; Decatur; Gravette; Bentonville; Rogers, 1st, Immanuel, Sunny Side; Pea Ridge; Eureka Springs; Berryville; Green Forrest; Alpena Pass; Harrison.

Wednesday: Jasper; Conway, 1st, 2nd.

Week of Nov. 16

Monday: Clarendon; Barton; Helena; West Helena; Marianna; Marvel; Hughes; W. Memphis; Marion; Earle; Parkin; Wynne; Forrest City; Brinkley; Wheatley.

Tuesday: Cotton Plant; McCrory; Augusta; Bald Knob; Judsonia; Searcy, 1st, 2nd; Beebe; Ward; Austin; Cabott; Jacksonville; England.

Week of Nov. 23

Monday: Bauxite; Benton; Malvern, 1st, 3rd, Shorewood Hills; Hot Springs, 1st, 2nd, Central, Immanuel, Park Place, Piney, Grand Ave.

Tuesday: Glenwood; Amity; Caddo Gap; Norman; Mt. Ida; Booneville; Magazine; Paris; Ratcliff; Branch; Charleston; 2 Churches; Bloomer; Lavaca; Greenwood; Jenny Lind; Ft. Smith, 1st, Calvary, Immanuel, Temple, Trinity, Grand Ave., Southside, Northside, Townsend Ave.; Barling.

Wednesday: Van Buren; Alma; Dyer; Mulberry; Ozarks; Clarksville; Lamar; Knoxville.

Week of Nov. 30

Monday: Calion; Village; Ogden; Ashdown; Wilton; Lockesburg; De Queen; Nashville; Mineral Springs; Murfreesboro.

Tuesday: Ola; Danville; Dardanelle; Russellville; Atkins; Morrilton; Plumerville; Perry; Perryville; Little Rock, Hebron, Calvary, Reynolds Memorial; North Little Rock, Central, Park Hill, Calvary, 1st, Pike Ave.

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The Wonder of a Butterfly

By Thelma C. Carter

HAVE YOU watched a butterfly recently? How small, dainty, and beautiful it was as it lighted on the honeysuckle, jasmine, or petunia blossoms in the area around your home.

If you chanced to get close enough to the butterfly to see the lovely wings you could not help but look at them in wonder. Some are crimson and orange with white and black spots. Some have brown, purple, and yellow bands or blue spots on thin, paperlike wings. These large, flat wings are always held erect, never folded even when resting. There is no doubt but that these tiny creatures are among the most beautiful creations of God.

Naturalists never tire of studying butterflies. And, strange as it may seem, there was a time when airplane wings were patterned after the large, flat, lightweight wings of butterflies.

Not too long ago naturalists felt that they saw a miracle as they watched some close-up camera pictures of a butterfly coming out of its caterpillar cocoon. There before their amazed eyes, they saw the wings of the butterfly being shaped, cemented, and exercised so that they might be strong.

As the camera unfolded its picture story, the butterfly, weak at first, dried its wings and antennae in the air, all the time clinging to its leafy twig perch. As the wings moved slowly back and forth, the camera showed the tiny tubes within the wings filling up. Some filled with air to make them light. Some filled with a liquid that dried and formed a cement to make them strong.

One naturalist said, "Now I know the Scripture verse is true, 'Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done' (Psalm 40:5)."

Do you know that butterflies are able to migrate, as do birds, from one land to another? Think of it! Some of these lovely creatures fly two thousand miles, which includes crossing the Mediterranean Sea. Many from our country cross the great Atlantic Ocean to England. ■

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Thankful

By Mary Taylor

Thank you for the beauty, Lord,
You give my eyes to see:
The colors in each sunset sky
And autumn-painted tree.

Thank you for the music, Lord,
You give my ears to hear:
The songs and laughter of my friends
And loved ones' voices dear.

Thank you for this wondrous world,
With glories rich and free,
And for the opportunity
Of working here for thee.

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Why?

By Thelma C. Carter

Louis Pasteur was a small boy living in France when he began to ask his father, "Why must people suffer? What causes it, Father?"

The love and concern for others in this small boy's heart was a wonderful thing. His parents taught it to him early in his life. They also taught him to be grateful and worthy of his country, which he loved dearly. Above all, his devoted parents filled his heart with the feeling of duty to help others, even animals, when they were sick and in need of help.

He was still asking "why" of the world about him when he grew to be a young man. Then he started on the mysterious road of searching and discovery.

"I would like to know why—" he must have said many times when he began the study of chemistry. For chemistry is the study of science that tells us what things are made of and how things change in their nature, size, shape, and color.

Did you know that Louis Pasteur discovered germs? He saved thousands and thousands of lives by this wonderful discovery.

But he did not stop with one important discovery, for on and on he went with his studies and research. "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver!" God's Word describes the life of Pasteur and many other dedicated men in their service to people in these words from Proverbs 16:16.

Pasteur proved that tiny germ bodies, called bacteria, could live and grow and multiply under certain conditions. He also proved that by heating liquids, particularly milk, the germs could be killed. This discovery of Pasteur's for making milk safe to drink is called pasteurization in honor of the man who discovered it.

Pasteur made many other discoveries. One helps to save animals from rabies and also protects men, women, and children from this terrible disease.

Thoughtful Hubby

"A GENTLEMAN," says Lena, "is a man who, when his wife drops something, kicks it to where she can pick up more easily."

No Improvement

A WOMAN noted for her remarkably ugly face was calling on the minister's wife when the little boy of the house blurted out, "You sure are ugly!"

The horrified mother chided him. The boy was apologetic. "I only meant it for a joke," he said.

Without thinking, his mother replied, "Well, dear, how much better the joke would have been had you said, 'How pretty you are!'"—Mrs. A. F. Dible.

Flattery Will Get You Somewhere

The young minister was a bit upset over his wife's purchase of a new dress. "Darling," he said, "what made you do it—you promised me you wouldn't buy a new dress."

"I guess it was the devil tempted me," she replied.

"Then why didn't you say, 'Get thee behind me, Satan!'"

"I did," she replied, "but then he whispered over my shoulder, 'It fits you just beautifully in back, too!'"

Let's Hear It Anyway!

MAUD—You can't believe everything you hear.

GLADYS—No, but that makes no difference with me. Let me hear what you are going to tell me.

*He wrecked his car, he lost his job
And yet throughout his life
He took his troubles like a man:
He blamed them on his wife.*

Church Chuckles



"Circle meeting? Oh, no-o-o-o!"

Our Circles accomplish important tasks, vital to a well-rounded church program. If you are not now identified with a Circle—or have become inactive for one reason or another—please call your church office. The Circle to which your name is assigned needs your energy and help!

Power of the Spirit

By RALPH PHELPS

(President, Ouachita College)

Lesson: Acts 2

October 11

WE STAND AMAZED in the presence of new or unheard of power which we do not fully comprehend. We are told that some of the scientists who helped develop the atom bomb hoped against hope that their efforts would prove a failure as they waited during the countdown before the first explosion at Alamogordo; they had no idea of what might result from the explosion and were fearful that it might even destroy the world.



DR. PHELPS

Christians sometimes fear the unleashing of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives because their inexperience with spiritual power causes them to be uncertain of what may eventuate if the Spirit is manifested in them. They need have no such fear, for if they will read closely the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early church in Jerusalem they will understand that this power is to be sought, not dreaded. Today's lesson, found in Acts 2, relates that story.

I. Coming of the Power (2:1-13)

On several occasions Jesus had promised that the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, or the Holy Spirit—all terms for the manifestation of the same person in Trinity—would come upon his followers. In John 14:26, 15:26, and 16:7-11, the promise is given in varying forms; and in Acts 1:5 Jesus, shortly before his Ascension, promised that before many days the apostles would be baptized in the Holy Spirit. They continued in fervent prayer, and soon the promise was fulfilled.

Two physical signs accompanied the coming of the Spirit. The first of these was a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent wind, "And it filled all the house where they were sitting."

The second was the appearance before their eyes of tongues as of fire, separating themselves from each other so that one tongue of flame sat upon each person in the room. Dr. W. O. Carver, in his commentary on Acts, says, "These were the signs and symbols of the Holy Spirit. Power like that of the wind and zealous speech suggested by the tongues were for their witnessing under the influence of the Spirit."

Staying at Jerusalem at this time were Jews of deep faith from every nation of the world. When they heard this sound, they gathered quickly and were completely bewildered because each of them heard in his own language what was being said by those on whom the Spirit had been bestowed. Quite naturally, they were amazed; for, although the speakers were Galileans, they spoke in the languages of many far-flung nations and extolled "the mighty works of God."

Although there have been many attempts to explain naturally this speaking in tongues on the day of Pentecost, there is no satisfactory explanation other than this was a miraculous demonstration. We have difficulty in understanding it because we do not know any thing like it today. What was being said was understandable to those present and is a far cry from the meaningless gibberish screamed by some sects today as they claim the Spirit is being poured out upon them.

II. Explanation of the Power (2:14-36)

WHILE MANY were impressed by the outpouring of the Spirit, others mocked laughingly, "They are drunk with new wine!" These sought a rational explanation of the supernatu-

ral, even as some people insist today. This was the best explanation they could think of but a pat answer may not always be the right one.

The restraint that Peter shows in his reply to these scornful jackals is almost unbelievable in the light of his previous impetuosity and is explainable only in terms of the major transformation the Lord had wrought in him. Calmly he points out that such an explanation is impossible, since this is a Jewish feast day, he and his party are Jews, and on a feast day a Jew never tasted wine until after the present time of the third hour (9:00), an hour of prayer.

He then proceeds to preach them a sermon to show that what has happened is in fulfillment of prophecies by Joel and David, and he states emphatically that the whole nation of Israel must know beyond a shadow of doubt that "this Jesus whom ye crucified" has been made "both Lord and Christ" by the eternal God. Any explanation of what has happened must be in terms of this Jesus "whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death" (v. 24).

III. Conditions of the Power (2:37-40)

WHEN THEY heard what Peter said about their having murdered their own Messiah, the Jews present were "pricked in their heart" and cried out, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter's reply continues through verse 40, and the whole passage must be taken as his answer, not just verse 38.

The first thing they must do is repent. They must change their personal attitude toward Jesus, toward God, and toward life. The command is an imperative and involves more than just being sorry for their past sins. Whereas a few short days before they had crucified Christ, they must now do a complete about-face.

The second thing they must do is be baptized "in the name of Jesus Christ." Not only are they to believe in him; they are also to identify themselves with him publicly in the act of baptism.

The third thing Peter mentions is that, having done the first two things, they may then receive "the gift of the Holy Spirit." Since the Spirit is given to empower those upon whom it is bestowed for more effective witnessing, their third obligation is to witness for the Christ.

Some people have experienced difficulty over a portion of Peter's words in 2:38, the phrase, "baptized . . . for the remission of sin" and have therefore made baptism a condition of salvation, which results from faith in Christ rather than from the works of man. We are baptized "on account of the remission of sin," not in order to make it possible.

There is no doubt that Peter believed that accepting Jesus as Lord was to be followed with baptism as certainly as jumping in the water is followed by getting wet. Everywhere in the New Testament we find that those who trusted Christ were baptized as soon as possible, and even today willingness to be baptized is considerable evidence that one has been born again.

IV. Evidences of Power (2:41-47)

That the coming of the Holy Spirit had ended them with power was evident from the results of Peter's preaching and plea to save themselves from participation in the guilt and doom of their perverse generation. Some three thousand souls were added to the number of believers, and the converts were straightway baptized. What a glorious day was Pentecost when the work of the Spirit was evident!

We need have no fear concerning the power of the Holy Spirit but instead should pray to receive it. ■

When Is An Adult Class Too Large?

1. When the average attendance falls below 75 per cent of those enrolled.
2. When the teacher does not know each member well enough to know his personal and spiritual needs.
3. When every member of the class does not have opportunity to participate each Sunday morning.
4. When the class officers are so busy contacting absentees that there is no time for enlisting new members.
5. When the matter of taking the records is burdensome so that the secretary never participates in the lesson discussion. —**Metropolitan Messenger.**

Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 8—The Witness Received (Acts 2:37-47).

Oct. 9—Many Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor. 12:1-12).

Oct. 10—Witnessing in Love (1 John 4:7-13).

Oct. 11—"The Fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16-26).

Oct. 12—Share What You Have (Acts 3:1-10).

Oct. 13—To God Be the Glory (Acts 3:11-18).

Oct. 14—Christ, the Bringer of Blessings (Acts 3:19-26).

WMU

Missionaries to Speak At District Meets

MRS. LOGAN C. Atnip, missionary to Southern Rhodesia, will be one of the featured speakers on the program for the first week of the annual district WMU meetings. Before their appointment to Southern Rhodesia Rev. and Mrs. Atnip lived in Paragould and in Rector where he served as pastor. They and their three small sons are home on their first furlough.

Mrs. James E. Hampton, the former Gena Ledbetter of Harrison, will present foreign missions on the program for the second week. She and her husband graduated from Ouachita College. He was pastor at Lockesburg and at Ashdown before their appointment in 1956 to Kenya, East Africa.

Mrs. Ira Marks, missionary to the Mormons in Utah, served with her husband as a missionary to the French-speaking people in the bayou section of Louisiana before being sent to Utah when the Home Mission Board opened work there. She will be on the program both weeks of district meetings.

Miss Elma Cobb, state president of Woman's Missionary Union, will preside at the meetings which will open at 9:45 a.m. and will close at 1 p.m. The schedule follows:

Oct. 27, 1st Church, Monticello; Oct. 28, 1st Church, Hope; Oct. 29, 1st Church, Alma; Oct. 30, 1st Church, Benton; Nov. 3, 1st Church, Harrison; Nov. 4, 1st Church, Batesville; Nov. 5, 1st Church, Paragould; Nov. 6, 1st Church, Marianna.

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